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GERMANS RETREATING TOWARD METZ; BURNING TOWNS IN MOSELLE VALLEY

TWELVE GIRLS DIE IN FIRE; FIFTY REPORTED TRAPPED IN A BURNING WAR PLANT

Dozen Bodies Taken from Factory of New Jersey Button Company in Newark.

SEARCH FOR OTHERS.

Flames Burn Fiercely and Entire Department of City Is Called Out.

Twelve girls are known to have been killed and perhaps fifty more are trapped in the blazing factory of the New Jersey Button Company, at Morris and New Streets, Newark, the police stated at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon.

The factory employed more than 200 girls and over seventy of them have not been accounted for yet.

The police stated that they had taken out the twelve bodies and they were now awaiting transportation to the morgue. Several more, they said, were sent to the City Hospital, and may die of their injuries.

The cause of the fire was not known. The flames were burning fiercely and fears were entertained that the entire plant would be destroyed.

The entire fire fighting equipment of Newark was called to fight the flames.

The plant is engaged in war work, making buttons for army uniforms, it was stated.

Crowds were attracted by the fire and the police reserves were called to keep the streets clear.

City hospitals sent a number of ambulances to the scene with pulmonologists.

MAN ARRESTED AS ALIEN REFUSES TO OPEN MOUTH

Suspect Fails to Speak Since He Was Taken on Jersey City Pier—Ragged, but Has Money.

Department of Justice agents are investigating a "man of mystery" held in Raymond Street Jail, Brooklyn, who appears to be a German and has refused to speak since his arrest.

He carried no alien enemy permit when he was arrested by guards at Erie Pier No. 2 in Jersey City, and although his clothes were ragged, he had \$50 in cash and a bank book showing \$2,000 on deposit in a Staten Island bank.

Ferry Armstrong of the Enemy Alien Bureau said papers found indicated he was born in Bavaria. He is believed to have lived at No. 289 Taylor Street, West New Brighton.

WAR CRY "OVER THE TOP" GOES OUT OF FASHION; IT'S "THE JUMP OFF" NOW

And Instead of "Zero Hour" for an Attack Americans Say "H Hour."

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMIES IN FRANCE, Sept. 17—"Zero hour" and "over the top" are expressions which have passed from the American Army after long popularity with the British.

America's attack in the Lorraine sector has brought out two typically American expressions.

"Over the top" is now "the jump off" and "zero hour" has changed to "H hour."

CARDINAL FARLEY REPORTED DYING BY HIS SECRETARY

Slight Improvement Noted, but Not Considered Basis for Recovery Hope.

A slight improvement in the condition of Cardinal Farley was reported this afternoon by Mgr. Lavelle, vicar general of the archdiocese, who said the news had been sent to him from Mamaroneck, the Cardinal's summer home.

The improvement was so slight, however, that it was not considered a basis for hope of a recovery. And the Cardinal's secretary, Mgr. Thomas Carroll, when asked, "Is he dying?" answered: "Yes."

Officials of the diocese said the prayers for the dying last night at the bedside in the Cardinal's summer home at Mamaroneck. Among them were Bishop Hayes, Mgr. Mooney and the Rev. John Farley, a nephew of the Cardinal.

Physicians in attendance said this morning that the Cardinal's pulse is very high and his respiration very rapid. Since Sunday he has been in a comatose state almost constantly.

The venerable prelate was surrounded during the night by his official family and his physicians. At 6 P. M. yesterday he rallied slightly, opened his eyes and asked for a drink of water. At 9 P. M. he sank again into a stupor.

His physicians said the only reason he had been able to hold out so long was that his appetite had always been good, and he was able to take nourishment. For three days his heart action has gradually become weaker.

U. S. MARINES, AMBUSHED, KILL 20 IN SAN DOMINGO

Americans in Two Clashes With Bandits but Suffer No Casualties.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Dominican bandits ambushed Col. George Cyrus Thorpe, and ten men of the United States Marine Corps at a ford north of Dos Rios Sept. 7. A brief report on the incident reaching Marine Corps headquarters to-day said that in twenty minutes of brisk fighting twenty bandits were killed and the Marines suffered no casualties.

Another report told of the killing of three bandits by the Dominican National Guard, officered by Marines, in a skirmish near Higüey on Sept. 8. Col. Thorpe's home is at Northfield, Minn.

Standard Oil Raises Prices. The Standard Oil Company of New York to-day announced an advance of 50 points in refined petroleum in cases for export, making the price 19.25 cents per gallon.

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SENATORS INDORSE WILSON REJECTION OF PEACE PARLEY

Lodge Declares Germany Must Be Put in Physical Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Unqualified indorsement of President Wilson's rejection of Austria's proposal for secret and non-binding peace discussions was given in the Senate to-day by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican floor leader and ranking minority member of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Senator Lodge said the President's prompt and curt refusal was right and wise, and that he was sure it would receive universal approval.

The Senator said he believed the President's action would put an end to loose and feeble talk helpful to Germany about Austro-Hungarian peace offers.

"America's position is becoming so plain," the Senator declared, "that even the Central Powers soon will begin to understand it. Germany, having brought unnumbered woes upon an innocent world and appealed to the lust of conquest," he concluded, "she shall not now resort to talk and bargain for a decision. We mean to put her in physical bonds."

Germany must know, the Senator said, that we have no intention of arguing with them about terms of peace around a table.

"When Prussian militarism is crushed and the Germans throw up their hands," he continued, "then the United States and her Allies will tell them the terms of peace which they are to accept. In no other way can the world be made safe against German wars of conquest. In no other way can we justify our entrance into the war and our sacrifice of our best and bravest."

"Until complete victory is reached on German soil any negotiations or discussion with our enemies would mean that the war was lost, our sacrifices in vain and our high purposes defeated. There is much hard fighting yet to be done, many sacrifices still to be made, but the light of victory is shining upon our armies and upon those of her Allies."

GERMANY MUST BE MADE UNABLE TO STRIKE AGAIN.

"We shall press on until the only end worthy of attainment is fully reached. Germany has brought unnumbered woes upon an innocent world. She must be put in a position to be unable to strike again."

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HAIG CONGRATULATES PERSHING AND MEN ON MIHEL VICTORY

Says All Ranks of British Armies in France Welcome Achievement With Unbounded Admiration.

LONDON, Monday, Sept. 16.—Field Marshal Haig to-day issued the following special order of the day for the information of British troops in France:

"To Gen. Pershing:

"Headquarters American Expeditionary Force:

"All ranks of the British armies in France welcome with unbounded admiration and pleasure the victory which attended the initial offensive of the great American armies under your personal command."

"I beg of you to accept and to convey to all ranks my best congratulations and those of all ranks of the British armies under my command."

GIVING UP MUD PIES, GIRL OF 4 RESCUES THREE NEAR DEATH

Calls Aid After Mother Tries to Kill Herself and Twin Baby Sons.

Muriel Ray, four years old, of No. 151 Smart Street, Flushing, stopped making mud pies long enough this morning to save her mother and twin six-months' old brothers from death. Police stated that Mrs. John Ray, wife of a patrolman, had first taken lodine, turned on all the gas jets and then locked herself and babies in the house. Muriel heard her faint cries, ran to a neighbor and summoned aid in such good time that physicians believe they will be able to save all.

Muriel, in her childish lisp, told officers that she was making a batch of the nicest mud pies one ever saw in front of her home at 10.30 o'clock this morning, when she heard something that sounded like a moan. She said she tried to get in the front door but it was locked. Then she went to the rear.

"Come to me, dearie, let's all die together."

"That's what mamma called to me," the little girl told the detective, on whose lap she was sitting. "I didn't want to die, and I ran fast to Mrs. Walters and told her." Mrs. Walters lives at No. 137 Smart Street, a few doors away from the Ray home.

She met Mrs. Frank Godder of No. 75 Laburnum Avenue, and the two of them hurried to the Ray home. The back door was closed but unlocked, and they entered there. They found Mrs. Ray stretched out on a couch, with Harold cuddled up in her arms, said, lodine was on Mrs. Ray's face and spots of it on little Harold's dress, they added. An empty bottle was on the floor. Joseph, the other twin, was found in the bedroom with a blanket over his head. The three were unconscious. Gas filled the house.

Dr. Joseph C. Seymour brought along a pulmotor from the Flushing Hospital. He worked over Mrs. Ray for half an hour before she regained consciousness. Her first words, according to the police, were:

"My God—my God, where are my children?"

The little ones were found to be suffering from gas alone. The physicians believe they will recover and are hopeful of saving Mrs. Ray. All are now in the hospital.

In the dining room, where the woman and one of the twins had been near death, there were a dozen dolls and "ratty bears" all sitting up sedately when the neighbors entered. The twins called for some of those as soon as they had been brought back to consciousness.

The mother is said to have been ill for several months.

U. S. NEGRO SOLDIER WORE MONOCLE OF MAJOR, CAPTIVE

"Look What This Nigger Done Got!" He Says to Red Cross Captain, Marching Prisoner.

PARIS, Sept. 7 (Associated Press).—During the recent American advance out of Chateau-Thierry, a Red Cross Captain was looking about for suitable hospital aides when he met an American negro soldier marching along toward Chateau-Thierry, following closely behind a German Major.

The negro had transferred his pack from his own back to the back of the German officer, and had also transferred the German Major's monocle to his own eye. Thus equipped the black warrior was parading triumphantly down the road. As he passed the Red Cross captain he called out:

"I say, look here what this nigger done got!"

PERSHING IMPROVES LINES; STAFF OFFICER IS WOUNDED

OLD 69TH CORPORAL WHO CARRIED THE IRISH FLAG "OVER THE TOP" AT MARNE



Robert A. Foster

69TH HERO KILLED; HE CARRIED IRISH FLAG OVER THE TOP

Corpl. Robert A. Foster Meets Death in Action—Emblem Sent to President.

Corpl. Robert A. Foster, hero of the fighting 69th New York Regiment—the man who carried the Irish flag "over the top" at the battle of the Marne—has been killed in action.

Corpl. Foster met death in action June 28. The Irish flag he carried "over the top" was brought back to America and sent to President Wilson at Washington.

In May Corpl. Foster was decorated with the Croix de Guerre. In a letter written June 14 to his cousin, Miss Emma McEneaney, No. 709 Nostand Avenue, Brooklyn, with whom he made his home, he said:

"You may have read about the fellow who carried the Irish flag 'over the top' with the boys of the Fighting 69th. Well, I am the fellow. I held on to that old green flag and went right 'over the top' with my comrades. I feel mighty proud of the feat, too."

"The old 69th is making a grand showing over here. It makes a fellow feel good to think how fortunate he is to be one of a great body such as the boys from New York town. The boys think of nothing else but victory. I have seen a great deal of trench life and honestly I would rather be there fighting than back of the line. Oh, what a wonderful victory awaits us!"

Corpl. Foster was born in the Pennsylvania Navy Yard, the son of the late Lieut. Charles Foster. His mother is now Mrs. W. Scraggs of Tarrytown, N. Y.

Foster enlisted in the old Sixty-ninth three years ago and saw service on the Mexican border. He was discharged when war was declared. He was a member of Company D, 16th Infantry, Rainbow Division, which is the present designation of the old Sixty-ninth.

Advice to those who want to sell their LIBERTY BONDS—Don't. Apply to them. They must sell—Go to John Muir & Co. 61 N. W. Ave.

KAISER HAS SUFFERED NERVOUS BREAKDOWN, IS REPORT IN LONDON

Very Despondent, According to Persistent Rumors That Reach British Capital.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—The Kaiser has suffered a nervous breakdown and is very despondent, according to strongly persistent rumors.

WILSON ORDERS BRIDGEPORT STRIKERS TAKEN BACK

Notifies Munition Companies to Re-instate Men as New Walk-Out Is Threatened.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—President Wilson has called upon the Remington Arms Company, the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, the Liberty Ordnance Company and other manufacturers at Bridgeport, Conn., to reinstate all striking employees who seek to return to work in response to the President's demands.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 17.—A recurrence of the machine and tool makers' strike loomed up this afternoon. The strikers returned to the factories this morning. Reports of discrimination against the men were filed at union headquarters and a telegram demanding immediate action has been despatched by business agent, Samuel Lavitt, to the White House.

A meeting of the strikers has been called for 8 o'clock to-night.

JAPANESE WIN THE RIGHT TO OWN CALIFORNIA LAND

May Acquire Real Estate if Born in State, Court Decides in Test Case.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Sept. 17.—Japanese born in California may acquire and retain title to real estate, and no violation of the Alien Land Law results, according to an opinion handed down to-day by Judge Hugh H. Craig of the Superior Court here in the case of the People of the State of California vs. M. Harada.

This was considered a test case.

TAKEN IN NAVY UNIFORM, HE GIVES VARIOUS NAMES

Man Arrested in New Haven in Lieut. Commander's Garb Gave Riverside Drive Address.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 17.—A man arrested on a railroad train here by Chief McMahon of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway police was to-day held by the Department of Justice officers on the charges of impersonating a naval officer and of failure to register in the draft.

A train conductor said he had handed a card on the train to the man who had been picked. The man gave the name of Dr. Robert L. Road of Riverside Drive, New York City. He wore the uniform of a Lieutenant Commander. Federal officers say he admitted that he was not an officer, but merely had been employed around docks in Boston. He is said to have given the names of Charles E. Dolner, Thomas J. Ross, Dr. Lawrence Cusack and Dr. William Young at various places between Baltimore and Boston.

NEW FUEL OFFICIAL NAMED.

M. P. Mosley (Chosen Chief of Conservation for New York State).

Mosley P. Mosley, Vice President of the American Exchange National Bank of New York, has been appointed Chief of Conservation of Fuel for New York State.

He retains the position of Assistant State Fuel Administrator, in which capacity he is also serving the Federal Government.

Americans Progress North of St. Mihiel and Capture a Town Only a Mile and a Half From German Border — Metz Under Hourly Attack by Allied Aviators.

WITH THE AMERICANS ON THE METZ FRONT, Sept. 17, 2 P. M. (United Press).—Gradual progress of the American line at the right and left extremities continues as the Germans fall back toward the Metz defenses.

The principal advance is being made between the Madine and Moselle Rivers. The Germans are digging in along the Hindenburg line, while our positions are being steadily strengthened.

AMERICAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN LORRAINE, Monday, Sept. 16 (Reuter's).—Evidence is accumulating that the enemy intends withdrawing behind the Hindenburg line in Lorraine if he is pressed any further. He is burning towns along the Moselle.

Prisoners taken report that the entire artillery of the 31st German Division was captured in the American operation on this front.

The division that was used to bear the brunt of the attack in the lunge in the salient east of St. Mihiel, it appears, was the 35th Austrian Division. It was ordered to maintain a holding action until all the German troops were withdrawn. In consequence of this it suffered very heavy losses, especially in prisoners.

U. S. PATROL BRINGS BACK PRISONERS.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN LORRAINE, Sept. 17, 3 P. M. (Associated Press).—An American patrol in a raid made early this morning in the general region of Haumont, northwest of Thiaucourt, captured five non-commissioned officers and killed seven other non-commissioned officers.

The German prisoners said they had received orders to hold their positions unless strongly attacked. The non-commissioned officers were from an officers' school in the vicinity of Confrans. They said they had been ordered to the front for practical experience.

Fighting yesterday was featured by the gallant action of a staff officer. When he saw there was danger of part of his advancing forces being outflanked by German machine gunners, he personally led his men in a charge against the guns. He captured one gun himself and his men took the others. The officer was wounded, probably fatally.

American and Allied aviators carried out extensive bombing raids on Bayonville, Fresca, La Sablon and in the direction of Metz Monday afternoon. Fires were observed at La Sablon. One of the American planes shot down a German balloon near Preny.

Lieut. Duckstein, observer, and Lieut. Richardson, pilot, were attacked by an enemy machine bearing French markings. They were forced to land inside the American lines, but were uninjured. An American balloon was shot down yesterday, but the observers escaped safely by parachute.

TOWN TAKEN CLOSE TO GERMAN BORDER.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—American troops have reached Vandieres, within a mile and a half of the German frontier, La Liberté announced to-day. Vandieres is in the Moselle Valley, three miles north of Pont-a-Mousson.

The Americans are continuing their advance along the west bank of the Moselle River and are nearing the Hindenburg line. There is still a space of three miles between the main body of the Americans and the Germans. This space is filled with machine gun nests that are being mopped up by fighting patrols, and the fighting is hard, although of minor character.

Metz is being subjected to an incessant bombardment by American, British, French and Italian bombing planes and tons of bombs are being dropped hourly upon the fortifications and railways.

DE HAVILLAND PLANES A BIG SUCCESS.

The Liberty motor and the De Havilland four, two seater biplanes, purely American made and operated by American aviators, have now had their first real test under grave battle conditions in a major offensive, and they have made good beyond the dreams of their builders.

The American flyers, though aided by many British, French and Italians in the faster pursuit planes, have kept up their intense aerial attacks all along the line, while our reconnaissance planes made 120 photo-